

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the owner of the subject matter in the below listed patent application, Orthofix Inc. (hereinafter "Orthofix") hereby makes application for patent on behalf of the below listed inventor by declaring that:

Orthofix believes that the inventor's residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under his name. Orthofix believes that the inventor is the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled STIMULATING CELL RECEPTOR ACTIVITY USING ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS, the specification of which was filed on February 22, 2002 as Application Serial No. 10/080,642.

Orthofix has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

Orthofix acknowledges the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to Orthofix to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Orthofix hereby claims U.S. provisional application or foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any U.S. provisional applications or any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and has identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior U.S. Provisional or Foreign Application(s)				Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes		No
60/271,030	U.S.A.	February 23, 2001	X		

Orthofix hereby claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, Orthofix acknowledges the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to Orthofix to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 that became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial Number</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Status</u>
NONE		

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all of the firm of Baker Botts L.L.P., my attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file and prosecute any international patent applications filed thereon before any international authorities.

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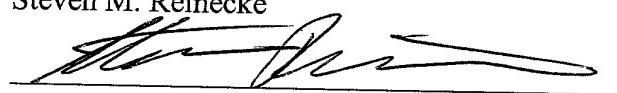
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